

the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, November 14, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 18, 2019.

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Lagoa Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Barbara Lagoa, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert J. Luck, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Zuckerman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adrian Zuckerman, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Romania, Department of State.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Barbara Lagoa, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 356), Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—356)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:01 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6614.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Cassidy, Cruz, and Kennedy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Smithsonian Institution, after receiving testimony from Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Blunt, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine noncompete agreements and American workers, including S. 124, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prevent employers from using non-compete agreements in employment contracts for certain non-exempt employees, and S. 2614, to prohibit certain noncompete agreements, after receiving testimony from Evan Starr, University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business, College Park; John W. Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, Washington,

D.C.; and Keith A. Bollinger, Conover, North Carolina.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 5080–5113; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 73–74; and H. Res. 698–705 were introduced. **Pages H8877–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8880–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2247, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–290); and

H.R. 4275, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–291). **Page H8877**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8829**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8834**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Mr. Dipesh Pandya, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, Warrington, Pennsylvania. **Pages H8834–35**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H8835, H8845**

United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019: The House considered H.R. 4863, to promote the competitiveness of the United States, to reform and reauthorize the United States Export Finance Agency. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 15th. **Pages H8845–70**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–36 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Pages H8856–59**

Agreed to:

Torres (CA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the Agency to emphasize outreach to tribal export businesses and to include in their annual report a summary of those outreach efforts and the provision of Agency support to tribal export businesses; **Pages H8859–60**

Tlaib amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the Agency to submit an annual report to Congress about the Agency's activities in economically disadvantaged regions and efforts to support businesses in those regions; also defines economically disadvantaged regions; **Pages H8865–66**

Case amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that clarifies that, for the purpose of the Agency's Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, "minority" is understood to include Native Hawaiians and Alaska Natives; **Pages H8866–67**

Speier amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that clarifies that the Bank's activities to support exports in energy efficiency technologies shall include activities to support exports in electric battery vehicles, batteries for electric vehicles, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and **Pages H8867–68**

Ruiz amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that allows the U.S. Export Finance Agency to use surplus funds to expand or establish additional regional finance centers. **Pages H8868–70**

Proceedings Postponed:

Torres (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to ensure that the Bank will not provide credit to any individual who is subject to sanctions related to serious violations of human rights or free speech, including in China and Burma; **Pages H8860–61**

Flores amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to strike Section 13 and create the office of energy efficiency and clean energy exports which advises the EXIM board on ways to improve the export of goods and services that increase energy efficiency and clean energy abroad; requires the EXIM bank to consider energy affordability as well as environmental impacts before approving